

VILLAGES at MT HOOD

BOARD MEETING

Minutes of May 6, 2008

The Board of Directors of the Villages at Mt Hood was called to order at 4:05pm, Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at Hoodland Fire District Meeting Room, 69634 E Hwy 26, Welches, Or by Chair Nancy Dougherty.

Present: Rick Applegate, Robert Baker, Pat Buckley, Nancy Dougherty, Shirley Dueber, Judith Norval, Bob Reeves and Brigitte Romeo

Excused: Barbara Saldivar

County Staff: John Borge, Principal Planner, Clackamas County, Christine Roth, Staff Liaison

Nancy read two letters into the record, one from Lynn Peterson addressing communications issues raised by the Villages. Chris Roth will send all board emails to Mary Raethke so she may include them on the agenda distribution list.

The second letter was from Linda Bell, Director of Tourism and Cultural Affairs for Clackamas County regarding including the TAP groups inclusion of a dedicated seat on their board. Linda suggested that funds for the TAP program be managed by the Clackamas County Treasurer's Office.

Nancy read letter she wrote to Marilyn Peterson, chair of the TAP group regarding shared board members.

Comments: Rick asked if TAP had agreed to place Villages Board member on the TAP board. They have not so far. Second question: can you strike the sentence about TAP membership on the Villages Board. Nancy agreed to strike that sentence from the letter.

Shirley asked if this would be a voting position on TAP. Rick wants to make sure this does happen.

Bob asked if the TAP group has input into who the Board appoints. Answer is no.

Board recommends that there be a specifically designated TAP board member. Brigitte said that the TAP group has four lodging, 2 restaurant and one cultural representative. She represents the restaurant segment.

Robert commented about the issues raised in the April 22nd meeting with TAP, Linda Bell and the Villages Board. This meeting was designed to coordinate and integrate the TAP efforts into the Villages Board.

Robert apologized for losing his temper at the April meeting. Nancy thanked him for his apology.

He wants to continue with the discussion and work toward a solution. TAP will meet on May 8th and 15th to develop their budget since May 20th is the deadline for submitting budget for projects.

Rick is disappointed with the lack of communication between the Villages board and TAP chair. He doesn't want to do this every year, but make an agreement that will continue.

Judith is disappointed that no representative from the TAP group today. Jeri McMahan said that someone from TAP would be present and no one has shown up.

Bob Reeves said he is again receiving emails from the TAP group after a long absence. He spoke with two members of the TAP group after the April 22nd meeting and they are very enthusiastic about the possibilities present.

Rick moved that the Villages recommend to CCTCA that the Villages will be the authorizing organization for the annual TAP as outlined in a letter he drafted. The letter was read into the record. After discussion, motion died for lack of second.

Letter was modified and read into the record.

Bob Reeves moved to accept the appointment letter as modified. Judith seconded the motion. Nancy reread the letter. After further discussion, Chris read it again.

Vote:

Yes- Baker, Buckley, Dougherty, Dueber, Norval, Reeves, Romeo

No- Applegate

Motion passes

Speaker: John Borge

Discussion about signage and design provisions from Government Camp. They are from 1010.14 of County Code.

He said one size doesn't fit all and personal preferences of community are important. Themes chosen by the community are done frequently.

County does design standards, but cannot regulate content of signs. Oregon Constitution regulates the content of a sign.

What should you do first? Perhaps establish parameters for signage appropriate for community, what are usages you want to regulate.

Board of County Commissioners prefers that the community sort out the sign standards before they come to the County and go into land use hearings. This saves time and aggravation for everyone.

Government Camp standards are a possible model for developing Villages standards.

Existing signs do not fall under the new restrictions, but substantial changes will fall under new standards.

Possible sources of funding include Community Block grants and Oregon Department of Transportation Transportation and Growth Management grants.

Question: can we develop regulations or should we be looking at voluntary standards? There was an extensive discussion of which type of standards should the Villages pursue.

The County likes incentives. Chris recounted that the BCC in the January Annual Meeting with the Villages said they would prefer mandatory standards rather than exclusively voluntary standards.

Nancy wanted clarification between the Villages 'monument' sign and commercial sign issues.

A discussion of how to reach businesses and coordinate with the County for services occurred. John Borge explained how financing and priorities are established by the Planning Department.

On June 5th from 9am-12pm, there will be a Scenic Byways meeting at the Lions' Club. Jeannine Brashears from CCTCA is the contact person.

Gary Randall, local artisan, introduced himself and told the group about some ideas he has for signs welcoming people to the Villages. He will continue to offer suggestions about designs, materials and sign placement. He was thanked for his efforts.

A discussion ensued about the confusion between the Villages "of" and the Villages "at" Mt Hood. Questions were raised about both groups using the logo

developed by the Tourism Development Council. The discussion will continue.

Board Reports:

Mt Express Bob reported that ODOT is pushing for financial stability for the transit system. They also are requesting a show of community involvement.

Judith read a letter into the record that will appear in the Mt Times informing the community that the Hoodland Women's Club will be holding a rummage sale June 28th at the Lions Club. Proceeds will benefit the Mt Express. The name will become MEL - Mountain Express Line.

Treasurer's report No change from last month.

Library Levy report Judith, Shirley and Bob met with Doris Grolbert, Library Director, to discuss boundaries of the proposed district, how money will be allocated and other issues. The board members also received a copy of guidelines for an IGA with Sandy. Boundaries are very important since they will determine how much funding is received for each library.

Bob reported on his conversation with Commissioner Martha Schrader regarding funding and boundary issues.

Rick voiced his concern that property tax dollars from the community won't be spent in the community. Rick said he estimated that \$250,000 will be collected and only \$165,000 will be allocated for the branch library.

Town Hall discussion

The May 17th Town Hall will include a forum with all candidates for both Board of County Commissioners and Sheriff invited to speak. So far 9 BCC candidates and two Sheriff candidates' have committed to appear. Christine Chin-Ryan will moderate the forum.

The Villages will celebrate their second anniversary at the Town Hall. Brigette and Nancy will arrange for a custom made cake to celebrate.

An election for the Board of Directors will be held. There are five candidates for four positions.

Nancy proposed to hold work session to Tuesday, May 13th from 3pm-5pm.

Judith asked if the meeting could be combined with other meetings. She feels this makes too many meetings per month. She suggested combining the work session with the Strategic Planning Committee meeting. Nancy suggested they discuss this at another meeting. Brigitte recommended having the work sessions before the monthly Board meetings.

After much discussion, the meeting remained on the 13th with the possibility of changing it to another time.

The agenda will include Town Hall planning and signage.

Carol Burk announced a TAP meeting Monday, May 12th to finalize the workplan for 2008-09.

Gary and Rick talked about grant deadlines and the importance of finding funding for signs. Several grants were mentioned and it was agreed to continue investigating options for grants.

Carol reminded everyone about the Scenic Byways meeting June 5th at the Lions Club.

Sandy Palmer offered to help distribute Library Levy information. She is also continuing to pursue the idea of a Visitor Information Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Roth
Temporary interim Recording Secretary